

WORLD OF RADIO #1219, produced February 4, 2004 by Glenn Hauser

- \*First two 2004 editions of Continent of Media, not yet broadcast on SW, available for download or streaming at <http://www.dxing.com>
- \*KTRU 91.7 in Houston TX sometimes carries WRN overnight, including WOR Sunday at 5 am CST, as on Feb 1
- \*VOA terminating 10 east European languages Feb. 27: Bulgarian, Estonian, Czech, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Romanian, Slovak, Slovene; and reducing Ukrainian and Armenian
- \*AFGE Local 1812, representing many VOA workers, says BBG is considering an IBB scheme to all but eliminate VOA's English news service [later: to cut from 19 to 14 hours per day in Oct]
- \*RFE/RL ended Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Slovak, Bulgarian, Croat, January 31, cutting 100 positions in Prague and capital news bureaux, in keeping with Bush administration wish to end broadcasts to NATO/EU joiners
- \*Bulgaria to continue RFE on its own under new name, Radio New Europe, only on FM?
- \*WMLK still using old 50 kW transmitter on 9465; 250 kW still needs some parts
- \*WINB resumed 13570 ex-9930 at 1300-2200
- \*R. Canada International repositioning programming at end of March: resumes Portuguese for Brazil. English and French tailored for target areas rather than worldwide. CBC relays continue for North America
- \*Quirks & Quarks on Sat Feb 7: A Hitchhiker's Guide to Mars, on RCI; and CBC after noon local time
- \*Private broadcasters in Canada sue CRTC for hundreds of megadollars over licence fees as unfair tax
- \*All Comedy Radio net, on our KMMZ 1640 Enid, added to Mojo Radio 640 in Toronto, overnights from 2 am EST, and weekends
- \*Annual Homelessness Marathon available to noncommercial radio stations UT Friday Feb 13 for 14 hours from 0000 = 6 pm CST on Thursday; among those carrying it are CKUT Montreal, KUNM in Albuquerque; on NPR and Pacifica satellite feeds, webcast
- \*Heads rolling at BBC over Hutton report, fixing blame for exaggerating grounds for going to war with Iraq; BBC Chairman Gavin Davies quit; next day, Director General Greg Dyke; and after that the reporter responsible for the item, Andrew Gilligan. Lots of discussion in British, American and world press. See last few issues of DX Listening Digest via <http://www.worldofradio.com>
- \*World Music Radio, private SW from Denmark, delayed again: delivery of transmitters during Feb, first broadcasts late Feb or early March; studio ready, transmitter site not certain yet
- \*Latvia's SW transmitter on 9290 has no regular schedule, but short-term bookings. Two planned for this weekend: Sat Feb 7, European Music Radio at 2100-2300 UT, for the world; Sun Feb 8, Radio Marabu, 1300-1700, <http://www.radio-marabu.de> [lots of pop-ups]

\*R. Ukraine International shifted 5 kHz to 5910 ex-5905 from Feb 5 to North America 0000-0500, with English at 01 and 04

\*RDP International, Portugal resumed DX program, UT Thu 0040 on 13770, 13700, 11980, 11655, 9715 [the last blocked by WYFR -0045]

\*NBC Namibia heard in California on 6060 at 0322-0330, difficult; no longer on 90m band

\*If you do hear something on 3270, especially in Europe, it could be 2nd harmonic of a Greek pirate on 1635, actually 3270.39

\*V. of Liberty, Liberia, 11514.4 heard at 1545 past 1800 in Finland, also announcing as LCBN Radio; 102.3 FM

\*Standard disclaimer

\*You're listening to World of Radio, where the times we mention, u.o.s. are Universal in the 24 hour system

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\*R. Galkayo, Somalia, 6980 heard with English news at 1730, closing at 1736 on a Saturday, not heard on another day

\*Al-Mustaqlal, new service for Somalia, via South Africa on 17565, heard at 1205-1233; is Mon, Tue, Thu only

\*New high-power MW relay of R. Sawa via Djibouti is finally on the air: 1431 kHz in schedules since Feb 1, 1600-0400 in Arabic, non-directional, 600 kW, testing; and heard in Finland at 2130, not parallel to other Sawa services on SW

\*R. Bahrain again being reported on 9745-USB, 1322-1355; 1207-1335. But later in the evening, R. Sawa is on 9745

\*R. Kuwait English service missing from 15110 at 0500, sometimes Arabic instead

\*Saudi Arabia has gone to great lengths to prevent opposition broadcasts into the country; see DXLD 4-022

\*Iranian clandestine, V. of Mojahed, 1550-1600 on 6240 with bubble jammer; history and background of the station. MKO no longer welcome in Iraq, but still on the air; considered terrorists by US and EU, but believed to originate from UK or US, feed via Telstar 12  
<http://www.iran.mojahedin.org> [very big page in Persian]

\*V. of Jammu Kashmir Freedom on 5990 at 0230-0400, defective buzzy transmitter in Rewat, Pakstan, same as on 5101 and 4790

\*R. Nepal missing from 5005 as of Feb 4, still on MW

\*Malaysia still using SW for domestic services, but RTM Radio 6, Tamil service missing from 4845 a few days; 5965 and 7295 heard, and Sarawak 7270, 7130

\*Defectors from North Korea in the South starting a broadcast on internet, Free North Korea Broadcasting, <http://freenk.com> in April, testing due already Feb 16 [we got a blank page so far]

\*KORL 690, Honolulu, new format, 1600-0400 in Japanese, Radio K-Japan; jazz at night and asking for customers, multicultural radio

\*Strong harmonic in Ecuador on 6760.14 turned out to be 2 x 3380.07, Centro Radiofonico de Imbabura, Ibarra; also heard on SW 3380.7 plus

MW 1229.92 = 4609.99

\*R. Nacional de Colombia heard in Wales at 2230-2255 on 9635; seems to be very rarely on the air

\*New internet service supported by Venezuelan Pres. Chavez, but based in Miami, Radio Revolucion Bolivariana, <http://www.bovmiami.org> [with lots of pop-ups]

\*Guyana's government TV and radio to merge into NCN, National Communications Network, so may hear new IDs on 3291

\*Government of Jamaica to sell shares in RJR to the public, from its ten percent interest

\*Community Radio 1650 AM in Decatur IL, <http://www.allserviceradio.com> says it is operating legally under Part 15

\*WFAL, 1630, Overlea High School, Maryland, named for falcon mascot, [reported by George W. Jensen], more likely a pirate

\*NAB board votes to endorse interim AM IBOC nighttime operation, so brace yourself for more noise on MW at night from ``HD`` radio; but unclear how FCC will act on this

\*Dying breed, CB radio group signs off in Seattle, REACT out of business; was to help motorists in distress; cellphones to blame

\*Mid-Atlantic Emergency Net on ham 5 MHz band, Wednesdays 2200 ET = UT Thu 0300-0330 on 5330.5 USB [but nothing heard here Feb 5]; NCS changes call district each month; contact KE4SKY

\*Propagation outlook from Boulder, Feb 3; flux range 105-130-85

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